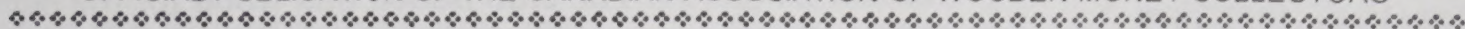


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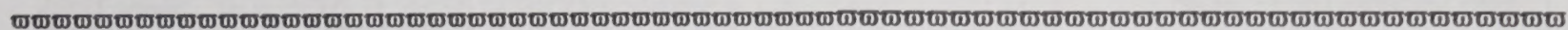


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IT'S RENEWAL TIME FOR 2005:

The heading says it all, so please be reminded to fill out your CAWMC renewal form enclosed with last month's newsletter. Send it off to membership chairman **Al Munro**. His address is on the form and also at the bottom of page two of this newsletter.

'FREE WOODS' MAILED THIS MONTH:

Those members for whom I hold 'free woods' for once a year mailing, are receiving their early Christmas present this month. These are the members that I never see at shows etc. during the year and therefore am unable to personally hand the 'free woods' to them. Once again a big 'Thank You' goes to **Lou Vesh** who has made the cardboard inserts. Hopefully they will all arrive safely.

TEN YEARS COMPLETE:

For your current editor, this month marks the completion of ten years putting out this newsletter. Little did I know, back in late 1994, what a daunting task it would be for me. I could not have done it without the dedicated assistance of a very few CAWMC members as well as my family. As I have said before in a past issue of 'Timber Talk', it is 'Time For Change'. To date, however, no one has even given a hint of interest in becoming editor. It, I believe, is not because no one out there can do the job but simply that no one out there *wants* to do the job.

I do not know what the year 2005 holds for this newsletter. I do know, however, that there is likely to be many, missing, monthly issues in at least the immediate future, as I have very little material to publish, as I write this. I've received virtually no response or concern from my initial expression of thoughts in the June 2004 newsletter.

'Timber Talk' belongs to the members of this Association. I simply try to facilitate the dissemination of the hobby's news and your thoughts to the membership.

As members, let's all try to make a difference and give us your input instead of just hitting 'delete'. *Let's hear from you.*

CHRISTMAS WOOD ISSUES:

Are you issuing a Christmas wood of any kind? If so, I'd like to show it in this newsletter. Please *send along the wood* or a *good photo copy of it* for me to use, in a future issue. Also send the information needed to acquire the wood. Thank you.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

STRATFORD COIN CLUB WOOD AVAILABLE:

The Stratford Coin Club held its 42nd annual show on October 24th 2004. The club issued this wood for the occasion. I believe there were seventy-five woods made by Canada Wide Woods. The wood appears to be *black* in colour on both sides but if you look at it carefully it could pass as a *very dark brown*. It is available for \$2.00 Canadian from Larry Walker General Delivery, Gadshill, Ontario, Can., N0K 1J0.

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DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors are:

Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds
 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds
 International Members Rate (outside of Canada and U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

This month's free wood was given to me at this past summer's Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Toronto. Our secretary/treasurer, *Al Munro* had extra of his retirement wood made so all members could have one. Norm Belsten made the wood which is red on both sides. Once again, Al, 'Thank You' for just another donation.

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH..... *by Lou Vesh*

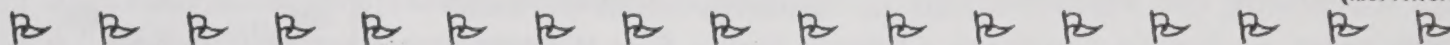
This year, Haliburton/Stanhope Airport issued 2 varieties of woods. Much of the format is the same, as you can see by the copies shown at right. One type is simply a repeat of last year, but with a year change. The other, however, is something new for Stanhope. They're going to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, U.S.A, for the big show in July/04 and this wood is to promote the Haliburton Highlands. They've upped the reward to \$10 with the hope of attracting some new wings.

Apparently, this show has many thousands of attendees, but, with only 200 woods to pass out, distribution is going to be very selective. I hope to find out, after the fact, just how it was handled.

The woods are standard sized (3 mm x 38mm, approx.), with a variety of colours, including black, blue, red, gold and holographic blue.



(file: Nwworth067)



PLOWING MATCH WOOD:

On page 5 of this edition is mentioned the issuing of six different coloured plowing match woods. They promote the year 2005 International Plowing Match (I.P.M.) and Farm Machinery Show which will be held near *Listowell*, Ontario in Perth County. To my knowledge, there are only one or two previously issued Canadian woods that relate to a Plowing Match, so hopefully this set of woods will inspire future show organizers and businesses to use 'woods' for promotion.

The I.P.M., held yearly in Ontario, is a showcase of the future of rural living and agriculture. It is truly International as plowmen come from all over Canada, the U.S.A. and Europe to compete. Plowing matches have been part of agricultural history for well over a century. In the very early days they were sponsored by local Agricultural Societies, the first farm groups to be established. The first I.P.M. was held in 1913 and one has been held every year since in a different county. Prior to 1913, the first locally sponsored exhibition, which included a plowing competition, was held in 1846 on a farm then *north of Toronto on Yonge St. in the vicinity of St. Clair Ave.* In those days teams of horses and a single plow were used. Tractors appeared in 1920 and were soon being used in competition. At matches today you will still see the horse and plow classes but most classes are tractor and plow. The horse and plow classes are very unique but *very popular to I.P.M. visitors* simply because you seldom see a farmer using horses to plow today. These classes not only give the farmer a chance to display his/her walking plow skills but also to *show off the fine teams of horses that they own.* There is something for everyone, city or country folk, at these I.P.M. shows.

'ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND KILOMETERS CYCLED':

by editor R. Kingdon

Many 'wooden tokens' have been issued, in the past, to recognize various milestones and accomplishments, so I decided to have this wood made to mark a goal that I set for myself some fifteen years ago. As some of you already know, I have gotten considerable pleasure out of riding a bicycle over the years, whether it be a racing, touring or mountain bike. I began riding seriously back in the mid 1970's, (of course, I was much younger then) and was actually doing the cycling to stay in shape during the summer months when I was unable to cross- country ski. I was then a member of a competitive cross- country ski club which competed in many winter races in Ontario and Quebec. Other club members and I spent many hours cycling to try to stay in shape when there was no snow. We just cycled long distances and never kept track of how far we rode.

In 1989, an Ottawa Cycling Club asked many of us to join their club. Even though we lived a long way from Ottawa, we could belong and our kilometers cycled would help to augment their yearly totals against other cycling clubs across Canada. Being a member of this club, however, meant that *you had to carefully log every kilometer that you cycled* keeping track of time, average speed, weather and road conditions as well. So in 1990, I began keeping track of my kilometers cycled and this summer those kilometers surpassed 100,000. Thus, this 'wood'.

The wood represents many, many hours of sitting and pedaling a bicycle traversing the various roads of Ontario. Most of these kilometers were cycled in Southern Ontario but a few thousand have been done in Northern Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes.

There is no prize for this accomplishment, just the *satisfaction* of having reached, in my case, 100,000 kilometers. Would you believe that there is one member of this club, now living in the U.S.A., who will surpass 500,000 kilometers this year? My total is 'a drop in the bucket' to his. Living in Florida now allows him to cycle twelve months a year. Seven months is about all I can hope for living here in Grand Valley. The other five months are extreme cold or snow or slush, salt and sand, all not my idea of fun or good for a bike. When the snow comes, it's cross-country skiing time.

Had I been counting the kilometers that I rode in the 1970's and 1980's, I'm sure I'd by now be closing in on the two hundred thousand kilometer mark but they don't count, as they were not logged. I enjoyed doing them just the same.

The wood is black and red both sides. The bicycle is red and the circle on the name side is red. All the printing, both sides is black. Norm Belsten made the wood.

Anyone who wishes one, let me know and I'll send one to you. My snail mail address and e-mail address are both on page one.

I have said before, in this newsletter, that there are some things I refuse to, at present, give up. Cycling, cross-country skiing and farming are three of those things. I do however spend more time on my brother's very large beef farm than the other two put together. I just hope I can continue to do all three for a long time.



CANADA WIDE WOODS SERIES SET # 21:

The next 20 woods made by Canada Wide Woods are now available in set # 21. Of these twenty woods, in this series, **nine** have been previously shown in past issues of Timber Talk. They are only listed here with past issue and page indicated. The remaining **eleven** are shown (pages 5 and 6) with colours indicated. For more information on these woods or subscribing to future 'Series' contact **Canada Wide Woods General Delivery, Gadshill, Ontario, Canada, N0K 1J0.**

Previously Shown Woods:

1. Woodstock O.N.A. 2004 green/green - May 2004 page 4
2. Woodstock O.N.A. 2004 red/red - May 2004 page 4
3. Woodstock O.N.A. 2004 black/black - May 2004 page 4
4. Larry Walker O.N.A. 2004 multi/copper - May 2004 page 5
5. Art Stephenson Christmas 2003 black,blue/red - Feb. 2004 page 1
6. Bob Brown Jr. 75th birthday lt. blue/red - Mar. 2004 page 3
7. James Williston C.N.A. 2004 multi/multi - Sept. 2004 page 6
8. Larry White LEAF (CAWMC) red/red - Aug. 2003 page 4
9. Larry White LEAF (C.N.A.) red/green - Aug. 2003 page 4

NOT PREVIOUSLY SHOWN WOODS:

1. Bill Cousins O.N.A. 2004 - blue/gold
2. Ken Procyszyn Esso 25th Anniv. - silver/silver (Alberta)
3. Chilly Charlie's Team - uniface - black/blank (Woodstock)
4. Hatley, Quebec - green/red
5. Norm and Noreen Howcroft 50th Anniv. (Heart) - gold/black
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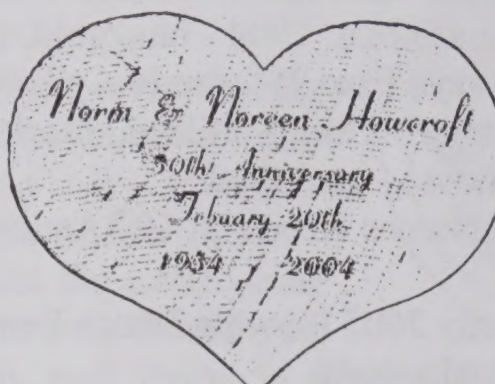
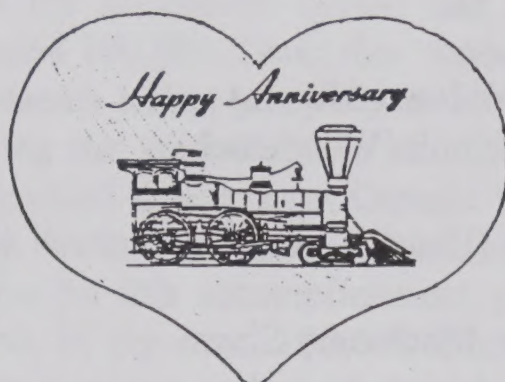
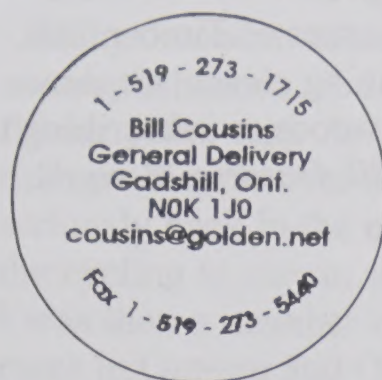
Perth County 2005 Plowing Match Farm Machinery Show
Promotional woods.

These last six woods, (all like the one shown here) are different in **colour** only. The six colours are: black/black; lt. blue/lt. blue; multi/multi; copper/copper; green/green; and purple/purple. **Five hundred** of the **black** were made and **one hundred each** of the other colours were made.

These six different coloured woods were made to promote the International Plowing (Ploughing) Match and Farm Machinery Show which will be held in Perth County, Ontario next year (2005). The woods were being sold, in one of the many tents, at this year's (2004) Plowing Match held in Meaford, Ontario. Some of the woods (mostly the Black coloured), had a small hole drilled in them and with a small chain were attached to walking sticks which were also being sold as promotional items at this year's show. There were dozens of other promotional items being sold as well - T-shirts, sweat shirts, hats, pins, frisbees, spoons ... you name it. Next year, when this show is held in Perth County (Sept. 2005), all the remaining woods will be sold as souvenirs of the show. Your editor, who attended this Meaford show was able to acquire one of each colour of wood with the hole and chain in each. I didn't get the walking sticks.



CANADA WIDE WOODS SERIES SET # 21: - continued from page 5



NEW WOOD:

Your editor obtained this 'ULTRA WEAN PLUS' wood at a recent Farm Show held near Woodstock, Ontario this fall. This show had many, many suppliers and businesses advertising their products. I got this 'wood' from a person in a booth advertising 'Land O' Lakes Farmland Feed'. The lady at the booth had only two of these 'wooden tokens' left on the table. Of course, I took them both. She was also giving away pens with the 'Land O' Lakes' logo on them. She did not know any background information regarding the tokens except that she knew they had been distributed in some western Canadian provinces at farm exhibitions as well as in Minnesota, U.S.A. at similar shows.

This wood promotes a Swine (pig) feed used to feed small 'porkers' after they have been weaned from their mothers. If anyone knows more about this 'wood', please let us know. Is it a Canadian or U.S.A. issued wood? The 'Ultra Wean Plus' side of the wood is green in colour. The 'Indian Head' side is black.

